

Haverigg Primary News

Friday 11th September 2026

Starting school in September 2027?
The deadline for applications is the
15th January 2027
See page 3 for more details.

Transfer to Secondary School
The deadline to apply for a secondary school place for September 2027 is the **31st October 2026**
See page 4 for more details.

Welcome back to school everyone and especially to our new children in Reception class. They have settled in so well and are very excited to be at BIG school!! We welcome you all to our school family and know you are going to make amazing memories throughout your Haverigg Primary school journey. Let the fun begin!



Some of our new starters, proudly taking their places on our brand new rug! More photo's on the next page.

You label it - we'll find it!

Please can we stress the importance of adding your children's names to their uniform, lunch

boxes etc. It makes it so much easier to return lost items to the correct owner. Also with the weather turning a little colder now, please can children remember to bring a jacket to school for playtimes. Thank you.

REMI NDER

Please remember to return your Data Collection Sheets as soon as possible.

We have also sent out MS Forms questionnaires (Medical info and Media consents). Please can these be completed and submitted so that we have the most up to date information. Thank you to those that have returned them already.

Congratulations to this week's Lighthouse Winners

Reception Miss Blackburn	Lighthouse Winners will be selected once the children are all in full time
Year 1 Miss Leece	Eden —For a fantastic start to Year 1. We have all noticed how kind, focused and ready to learn you are. You are always doing the right thing and working your hardest. Well done Eden!
Year 2 Mrs Narongchai	Chrissie-Rose —gets our Lighthouse Award this week for making a wonderful start to Year 2. She has taken the transition in her stride and has produced some beautiful writing. She is always in the right place at the right time and sets a fantastic example to the rest of the class.
Year 3 Mr Knowles	Theo —For making such a positive start to being a junior. Not only that, his counting skills in maths have blown me away. Well done Theo
Year 4 Miss Usher	Louis —Louis has come back to school and has settled quickly into year 4. He has been working hard but we have been particularly impressed with his impeccable manners. Well done Louis.
Year 5 Miss Marinovich	Evelyn Mu —Evelyn has made a super start to Year 5! She has settled in brilliantly. Evelyn listens carefully, follows instructions and comes into school each day ready to learn and try her very best. Well done and keep it up!
Year 6 Miss Musgrave	Xavier —for being a science superstar! He is a fountain of knowledge which he loves to share.
Music Award Mrs Cullen	All of the Year 4 brass players in the advanced brass group—well done!

At Haverigg Primary School we take the safety and welfare of your children very seriously. If you have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of any children at Haverigg school please speak to Mrs Narongchai (our designated safeguarding leader), or Miss Musgrave / Mrs Red-head, (our deputy safeguarding leaders), in her absence.

★ Welcome to ★ ★ Reception ★ ★ Class 2026 ★



Let's make Friends



Junior snack time reminder - now we are back in the swing of things, please can we just gently remind everyone of the acceptable snacks that we allow in school. Thank you.

Fruit
Vegetables
Crackers
Cheese
Rice cakes
Digestive biscuits
Plain pop-corn (not sweet)
Other foods along these lines



Cereal bars
Chocolate biscuits
Crisps
Cakes
Sweets
Other foods along these lines



Reminder - Please remember to order your child's school lunches by the cut off time (9am on a Thursday morning) for meals the following week. We send out

text reminders on Wednesdays as a prompt in case you forget!

Note to new starters - Our School Money system should now be up and running for our new starters, apologies for the delay. Login details have been sent out now so you should all be able to order for w/c 21st September.

Thank you for your patience.

The 3 weekly menu from September is on page 7.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The school immunisation team will be in school on the **7th October 2026** to administer the nasal flu vaccination to all year groups. Parents were sent an reminder email earlier last week with a link to give your consent or non consent. Please could this be actioned as soon as possible. There is also a QR code on page 6 to consent. Thank you.



Marbleous

House point winners:

Aiden, Minnie x3 Freya EP, Oliver Lx2, Dora, Reggie, Aurora, Ayda M x2, Pippa M, Poppyx2, Phoebe, Jacob A, Imogen, Greyson, Austin, Dorothy, Bella, Mabel, Mylah, Martha, Ivy W, Holly M, Miles x3, Lewis, Delilah, Eliza x2, Annie, Joseph E, Joseph C, Oliver Rx3, Charlie S, Eloisex2, Bodhi, Lydiax2, Oliver Bx2, Kaci, Daisy, Noah CG, Aiden, Ethan, Eva Cx2, Demi, Ava, Oliver W, Keira, Pippa S, Rory, Anderson, Junior, Austin, George, All Yr G.

Well done everyone, you are all Marbleous!

Attendance Matters



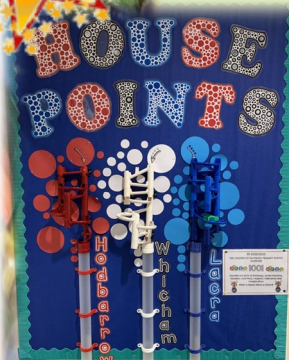
What is considered good attendance? Regular and punctual attendance is essential for effective learning, promoting positive relationships and developing good attitudes to education. **A child's attendance at school is expected to be 96% and above.** Anything that is below this needs to be addressed by school to ensure attendance improves. We need to ensure that all children attend school regularly as it is important for friendships and academic progress/success.

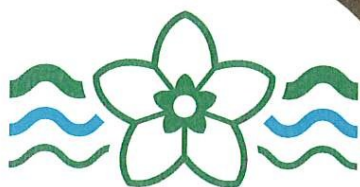
Key daily timings:

8:50 to 9:00 → Register takes place
After 9:00 → Late mark in register
After 9:30 → Unauthorised ab-

Weekly Attendance Report

Reception	99%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	99.6%





**Cumberland
Council**



Parents/carers are
responsible for applying
for a school place by
15 January 2027

Starting School

Children born between

1 September 2022

and 31 August 2023

can start school in September 2027

You can apply online at: **www.cumberland.gov.uk**

or contact: **01228 221582**

or email **school.admissions@cumberland.gov.uk**

cumberland.gov.uk



Transfer to secondary school in Cumberland September 2027

The closing date to apply for a Year 7 secondary school place is 31 October 2026

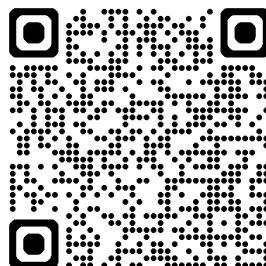
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7th October
2026
in School



PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM FLU

Remember to complete
your child's vaccination
consent form.



Please scan consent form QR code
Haverigg Primary School



Haverigg School 3 Week Menus from 7th September 2026

Week 1		
Monday	Pasta Bolognese, Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Scotch Pancake, Bananas & Ice-cream
Tuesday	Sunshine Pizza, Wedges, Carrot & Cucumber Sticks	Scone & Jam
Wednesday	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Mash/Pasta & Veg	Gingerbread & Custard
Thursday	Pasta in sauce (Cheese optional), Garlic Bread & Salad	Afghan Cookie & Milk
Friday	Fish Fingers, Chips, Beans/Peas	Lemon Drizzle Cake
	Daily: Jacket Potato with Butter/Cheese/Beans/Tuna OR Sandwich – Cheese/Ham/Tuna/Salad	Daily: Fruit Yoghurts Fresh Fruit
Week 2		
Monday	Meatballs in Gravy, Mash/Pasta & Sweetcorn	Iced Sponge Cake
Tuesday	Chicken Tikka, Rice & Naan bread	Toffee Angel Delight & Bananas
Wednesday	Shepherd's Pie & Veg (no pasta alternative)	Apple Cake & Custard
Thursday	Pizza Wrap with Red Pesto Pasta, Carrot & Cucumber sticks	Fruit Salad, Waffle & Ice cream
Friday	Fishcake, Chips, Beans/Peas & Bread & Butter	Choc Chip Cookie & Milk
	Daily: Jacket Potato with Butter/Cheese/Beans/Tuna OR Sandwich – Cheese/Ham/Tuna/Salad	Daily: Fruit Yoghurts Fresh Fruit
Week 3		
Monday	Chicken Mini Fillet Wrap, Savoury Rice, Salad	Victoria Sponge Cake
Tuesday	Arrabiata Pasta (Cheese optional), Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Zucchini Brownie
Wednesday	Roast Pork, Yorkshire Pudding, Mash/Pasta & Veg	Chocolate Sponge & Custard
Thursday	Sausage Finger bun, Wedges/Diced Potatoes & Cous Cous	Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream
Friday	Fishy Ships, Chips & Beans/Beas	Vanilla Shortbread & Milk
	Daily: Jacket Potato with Butter/Cheese/Beans/Tuna OR Sandwich – Cheese/Ham/Tuna/Salad	Daily: Fruit Yoghurts Fresh Fruit

Please note: any children with a food intolerance can still order the main meal and pudding. If applicable, the kitchen staff will adjust the meal according to their intolerance e.g. dairy.

Thank you

HAVERIGG PRIMARY SCHOOL

2026

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Inset

Holiday dates

Spring Term starts 5th January 2027



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Attendance matters

24th October 2025

Dear parents and carers,

This academic year we have once again had increasing numbers of families taking children out of school for holidays during term time. As you will all be aware, schools must consider enforcement action if a child/young person has 10 or more unauthorised sessions (equivalent to five days). While schools and local authorities will generally offer support to improve attendance first, persistent unauthorised absences or term-time holidays may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice or prosecution.

As part of our ongoing attendance monitoring and in line with the Cumberland attendance strategy, we will now be passing on attendance casefiles to the local authority where we feel the threshold has been met for fixed term penalty.

Reminder of Attendance expectations:

- Ensure your child/young person attends every day the school is open; except when a legal reason applies
- Notify the school as soon as possible when your child/young person is unexpectedly absent
- Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible
- Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance (please note: family holidays are not generally considered exceptional circumstances and all leave of absence requests are considered at the headteacher's discretion)

Please also be aware that taking your child out of school after registration in the afternoon will still count as an unauthorised session as they are not in school during the afternoon.

Head teacher

CHANGES TO FINES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES

With the introduction of the new National Framework for penalty notices, the following changes will come into force for fixed penalty notice fines issued for unauthorised absences recorded by schools after 19 August 2024.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in lieu of prosecution. The decision on whether to issue an FPN or prosecute rests with the Local Authority and is made on a case-by-case basis.

National threshold

There will be a single, consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to five full school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

For example: a five-day holiday would meet the national threshold.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

Who may be fined?

Penalty notice fines are issued to each parent who allows their child/young person to be absent from school.

For example: three siblings absent for term time leave would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving three separate fines.

First offence

The first time a penalty notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday, the fine amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child/young person if paid within 21 days, increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

Second offence (within three years)

The second time a penalty notice is issued for unauthorised absence, the amount will be: £160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child/young person, payable within 28 days.

Third offence and any further offences (within three years)

The third time an offence is committed, a penalty notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns.

This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court.

Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months.

Please note any monies collected through fines come back to Cumberland Council to facilitate attendance support and not to schools.



POMS Cluster Attendance Agreement 2025 - 2026

Guidance on authorised term-time pupil absence

The Education Regulations 2013 [aka, the Regulations] which came into force on 1 September 2013, made it clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless "exceptional circumstances" prevail. The regulations also state that headteachers should determine the number of school days a pupil can be away from school if they grant a leave request because of "exceptional circumstances".

The fundamental principles for defining "exceptional circumstances" are that they are 'rare, significant, unavoidable and short'.

POMS cluster Headteachers have worked together to agree some guiding principles for headteachers to consider when families request absence during term-time. This will ensure consistency across the cluster and ensure all schools are sending the same message surrounding the importance of attendance at school.

Guiding Principles

1. Term times are for education. Children and families have 175 days off school to spend time together, including weekends and school holidays. Headteachers will rightly prioritise attendance. The default school policy should be that absences will not be granted during term time apart from in "exceptional circumstances".
2. The decision to authorise a pupil's absence is wholly at the headteacher's discretion based on their assessment of and circumstances of each individual request. POMS Headteachers have worked collaboratively to agree a shared approach. Schools in the POMS cluster will follow these agreed principles.
3. If an event can be reasonably scheduled outside of term time, then it will not be authorised. Holidays are, therefore, not considered exceptional circumstances.
4. Absence from school to visit seriously-ill relatives or for bereavement of a close family member are usually considered to amount to 'exceptional circumstances', but for the funeral service not for extended leave.
5. Absences for important religious observances are often considered, but only for the ceremony and not for extended leave. This is intended for one-off situations rather than regular or recurring events.
6. Schools may wish to take the needs of the families of service personnel into account if they are returning from long operational tours that prevent contact during scheduled holiday time.
7. Whilst as school settings we must make reasonable adjustments for pupils with special educational needs or disabilities in school time. Regarding attendance, we work closely with our colleagues from our local special schools. In line with their guidance, we would not consider requests that are based on holidays during quieter times.
8. Families may need time together to recover from a trauma or crisis.
9. POMS schools will consider a pupil's historical record of attendance when making absence-related decisions
10. It is important to note that headteachers can determine the length of the authorised absence as well as whether an absence is authorised.
11. Absence will only be authorised where proper request procedures have been followed and the permission given.
12. Tickets and/or other travel arrangements should not be booked prior to discussion with and agreement of the school.
13. Parents and Carers should not confuse telling the school about an absence with having permission.
14. Whether alternative care arrangements have been considered by the parent to limit the time away from school.
15. The impact on any interventions, assessments or referrals being undertaken with the child or family, for example, family support, social care assessments, CAMHS, SEN.
16. The potential impact that the absence will have on the child.

This guidance has been agreed by all schools in the POMS (Partnership of Millom Schools) cluster;

Parkview Nursery School
Millom Infant School
Black Combe Junior School
Haverigg Primary School
St James' Catholic Primary School
Thwaites Nursery & Primary School
Captain Shaw Nursey & Primary School